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Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., joined by his wife Kelley Ashby, arrives to announce the start of his presidential campaign, Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Ky.

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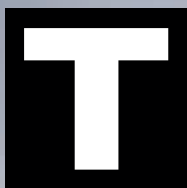
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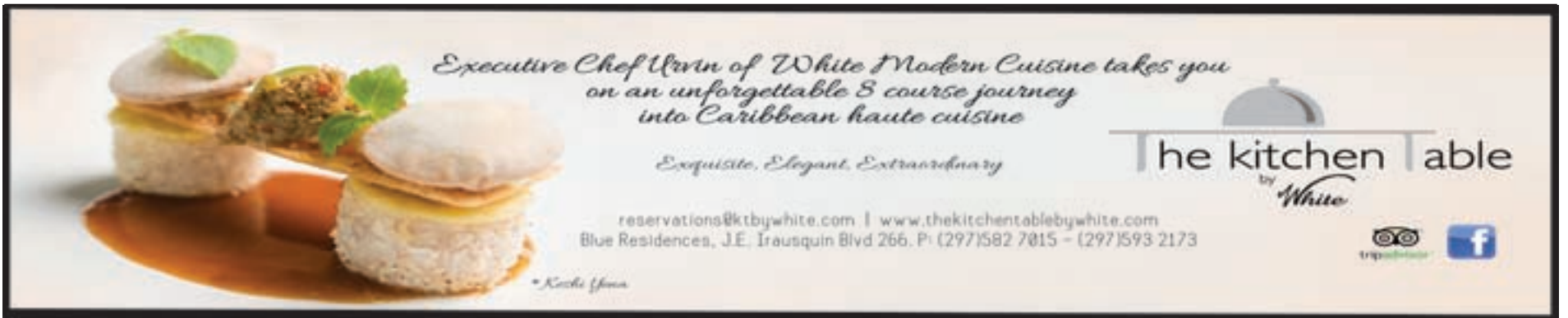
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Sen. Rand Paul joins 2016 U.S. presidential campaign



Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. holds up his cell phone as he speaks before announcing the start of his presidential campaign, Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Ky. Associated Press

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Associated Press
LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP) — Sen. Rand Paul, a favorite of the conservative tea party movement and frequent antagonist of leaders of his own Republican Party, declared Tuesday that he is running for U.S. president "to return our country to the principles of liberty and limited government."

Paul, a first-term senator from Kentucky, kicked off his White House campaign with combative message against Washington and his fellow Republicans. He begins the 2016 race as the second fully declared candidate, behind Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, but he could face as many as 20 rivals for the Republican nomination before the primary process starts in January.

It's unclear how much

support Paul can muster in the Republican mainstream. His father, former U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination several times, appealing to libertarians who favor limited government and oppose tax increases. "I worry that the opportunity and hope are slipping away for our sons and daughters," Paul said. "It seems to me that both parties and the entire political system are to blame."

Two other Republicans expected to soon enter the race, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, are considered early front-runners. Whoever becomes the Republican nominee is widely expected to face Hillary Rodham Clinton in the general election. The former secretary of state, who is the heavy favorite

for the Democratic nomination, is expected to announce her candidacy in the next two weeks.

Paul is a frequent contrarian against his party's orthodoxy, questioning the size of the U.S. military and proposing relaxation of some drug laws that imprison offenders at a high cost to taxpayers. He also challenges Republicans' support for surveillance programs, drone policies

and sanctions on Iran and Cuba.

Cheers erupted at the rally when Paul decried government searches of phones and computer records as a threat to civil liberties. Most Republicans defend the practice as a necessary defense against terrorism, but Paul said the programs only provide a false sense of security.

Tech savvy and youth-fo-

cused, Paul is expected to be an Internet juggernaut his competitors will be forced to chase.

After his speech, Paul was set to answer questions from voters on his Facebook page.

Perhaps reflecting the challenges he faces in convincing his critics he deserves the nomination, Paul is also leaving open the door to a second term in the Senate. □

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Obama says climate change is harming Americans' health

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Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Global warming isn't just affecting the weather, it's harming Americans' health, President Barack Obama said Tuesday as he announced steps government and businesses will take to better understand and deal with the problem. Obama said hazards of the changing climate include wildfires sending more pollution into the air, allergy seasons growing longer and rising cases of insect-borne diseases.

Speaking at Howard University Medical School, he announced commitments from Google, Microsoft and others to help the U.S. health system prepare for a warmer, more erratic climate. "We've got to do better in protecting our vulnerable families," Obama said, adding that, ultimately, all families are affected. "You can't cordon yourself off from air," Obama said. Warning of the perils to the planet has gotten the president only so far; polls consistently show the public is skeptical that the

steps Obama has taken to curb pollution are worth the cost to the economy. So Obama is aiming to put a spotlight on ways that climate change will have real impacts on the body, like more asthma attacks, allergic reactions, heat-related deaths and injuries from extreme weather. Obama said spending on health — such as preventing asthma — can save more money than it costs, as well as alleviate pain and suffering. The top U.S. health official, Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, noted that



President Barack Obama, with US Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, left, speaks at Howard University in Washington, Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

Associated Press

people suffering from an increase in asthma-attack triggers lose time at work and school. Murthy, a doctor, said the problem was especially personal for him because he's seen so many patients struggle to breathe and his own uncle died of a severe asthma attack. Microsoft's research arm will develop a prototype for drones that can collect large quantities of mosquitoes, then digitally analyze their genes and pathogens. The goal is to create a system that could provide early warnings about infectious diseases that could break out if climate change worsens. Google has promised to donate 10 million hours of advanced computing time on new tools, including risk maps and early warnings for things like wildfires and oil flares using the

Google Earth Engine platform, the White House said. Google's camera cars that gather photos for its "Street View" function will start measuring methane emissions and natural gas leaks in some cities this year. The Obama administration also announced a series of modest steps it will take to boost preparedness, such as expanding access to data to predict and minimize the health effects from climate change. Obama's effort to link climate change to health comes as he works to build support for steps he's taken to curb U.S. emissions, including strict limits on vehicles and power plants. The president is relying on those emissions cuts to make up the U.S. contribution to a global climate treaty that he and other world leaders expect to finalize in December. □

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White officer charged with murder for shooting black man

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Associated Press

CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP) —

A white police officer was charged with murder Tuesday in the weekend shooting death of a black motorist after a traffic stop.

City Patrolman Michael Thomas Slager was arrested and charged after law enforcement officials saw a video of the shooting following a Saturday traffic stop, North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey told a hastily called news conference.

The shooting occurred as heightened scrutiny is being placed on police officer shootings, particularly those that involve white officers and unarmed black suspects.

A grand jury declined to indict Ferguson, Missouri, officer Darren Wilson in the fatal shooting of Michael Brown last August, leading to nationwide protests.

Authorities say the South Carolina victim, 50-year-old Walter Lamer Scott of Charleston, was shot after the officer already hit him with a stun gun. A video of the shooting released to news media outlets shows the officer firing several times at the man's back while he's running away.



This photo provided by the Charleston County, S.C., Sheriff's Office shows Patrolman Michael Thomas Slager on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

Associated Press

Summey said at a news conference that Slager made a "bad decision." "When you're wrong, you're wrong," Summey said. "When you make a bad decision, don't care if you're behind the shield or a citizen on the street, you have to live with that decision."

Slager's attorney had released a statement Monday saying the officer felt threatened and that the motorist was trying to grab the officer's stun gun. The attorney told The Post and Courier of Charleston on Tuesday that he no longer represents the officer. North Charleston Police

said Slager was arrested by officers of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

In a separate case in South Carolina, a white police officer who shot a 68-year-old black man to death last year in his driveway was charged Tuesday with a felony: discharging a gun into an occupied vehicle. A prosecutor previously tried to indict North Augusta officer Justin Craven on a manslaughter charge in the February 2014 death

of Ernest Satterwhite. But a grand jury instead chose misconduct in office, which is a far lesser charge.

Craven chased Satterwhite for 9 miles (15 kilometers) beyond city limits to the man's driveway in Edgefield County.

After Satterwhite parked, the officer repeatedly fired through the driver-side door, prosecutors said. The 25-year-old officer faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of the gun charge. □

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Officials: No link to terrorism in Washington power outages

BEN NUCKOLS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Widespread power outages affected the White House, the Capitol, museums, train stations and other sites across Washington and its suburbs Tuesday afternoon — all because of an explosion at a power plant in the adjoining state of Maryland, an official said.

Many of the outages were brief, but some were longer and forced evacuations. Officials said they did not suspect terrorism in the outages or the explosion that prompted them.

At the White House, backup generators kicked on when the power went out, so the interruption lasted only a few seconds. The



Members of the Secret Service stand on Pennsylvania Avenue outside the White House in Washington, Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

Associated Press

complex quickly went er. Electricity in the press
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around lunchtime, briefly darkening cubicles and blackening TV screens. White House press secretary Josh Earnest said he understands that Homeland Security has "indicated they don't currently see a nexus to terrorism or anything like that" in the power outages. Earnest also said he was with President Barack Obama in the Oval Office when the power blip occurred at the White House, and they didn't notice anything unusual — possibly because the room is lit by so many windows.

Power also went out at the State Department during the daily press briefing, forcing spokeswoman Marie Harf to finish her comments in the dark.

Power in the U.S. Capitol building twice shut down briefly, then came back on by way of a generator. Admiral William Gortney — commander of the U.S. Northern Command, which is tasked with homeland defense — was visit-

ing the Pentagon when the outage hit. He said it was important to assess how well backup systems work during such events.

"Are the backup systems that we put in place, do they work? At the moment, that's what I've been told is that they all kicked in and they're all working, everybody was back up on backup power, which is why we do it. We build redundancy into this critical infrastructure." But some effects of the outages were still apparent later Tuesday.

Some traffic lights were out, and Metro, the public transport operator, said 14 of its 91 public transit stations were affected. Power to the trains remained on and trains were moving systemwide, Metro spokesman Dan Stessel said, but the affected stations were on emergency power, with dimmer lighting and nonworking elevators and escalators.

University of Maryland officials said their entire campus was affected.

Some Smithsonian museums also were evacuated and closed to the public, a spokeswoman said.

Jenni Swan, who was visiting from Savannah, Georgia, with her husband and two children, said they were eating in the atrium of the Air and Space Museum around 1 p.m. when security officers said the building was being evacuated. Almost an hour later, they were not yet let back in.

"Honestly I think my kids are excited because of all the fire trucks and people leaving the building quickly," she said. "I think Daddy's a little annoyed." About 8,000 customers in Washington were affected, Johnson said. □

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Investigators work in a thick fog at the site of small plane crash near Bloomington, Ill., Tuesday, April 7, 2015, that has claimed the lives of seven people.

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Associated Press
BLOOMINGTON, Illinois
(AP) — A private plane returning from the NCAA basketball tournament in Indianapolis crashed in a central Illinois field on Tuesday, killing all seven people on board, including Illinois State University's associate head basketball coach and a deputy athletics director. Rescue personnel found no survivors at the site near the city of Bloomington, and a coroner pronounced the seven occupants dead, McLean County Sheriff Jon Sandage said at a news conference. The plane went down in a soybean field 2.5 miles (four kilometers) from the Bloomington airport. All the victims, who were found strapped in their seats, died from blunt force trauma resulting from the crash, said Coroner Kathleen Davis. Illinois State University President Larry Dietz confirmed in an email to students, faculty and staff that associate head basketball coach Torrey Ward, 36, and Aaron Leetch, 37, the athletic

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department's deputy director for external relations, were killed in the early-morning crash. The email was released to media. "Words cannot fully express the grief that is felt in the wake of such a tragedy," Dietz wrote, adding that both men were well-respected and much-loved in the athletics department. "We move between shock and profound sadness." Several players and staff carried through with an optional practice Tuesday afternoon at Redbird Arena. A spokesman said they would not make players or coaches available for comment. The Cessna 414 twin-engine aircraft took off from Indianapolis and crashed just short of the Central Illinois Regional Airport in Bloomington after midnight, the Federal Aviation Administration said. The National Transportation Safety Board was investigating, but there was no initial word on the cause of the crash. News photos from near the scene showed dense fog. The airport was open and all systems, including its runway lighting, were

functioning, though the tower had closed several hours earlier and handed responsibility to an air traffic control facility in Peoria. Radar contact was lost moments before the crash and a search was launched when the pilot failed to close out his flight plan. It took about three hours to find the wreckage. The other victims included

Scott Bittner, a 42-year-old business owner whose father owned the plane; Terry Stralow, 64, a sports bar owner; pilot Thomas Hileman, 51; and Andrew Butler, 40, an employee of Sprint, authorities said. Jason Jones, 45, a former basketball and baseball player for Illinois Wesleyan University who worked at Wells Fargo Advisors, also died, said his wife, Lyndsey Jones. □



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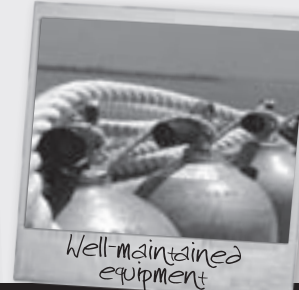
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Utility cut power to home before 8 died of gas poisoning



Sheets are held as a body is removed from a residence where police say seven children and one adult have been found dead Monday, April 6, 2015, in Princess Anne, Md.

Associated Press

JULIET LINDERMAN

Associated Press

PRINCESS ANNE, Maryland

(AP) — A divorced kitchen worker and his seven chil-

dren were accidentally poisoned to death by carbon monoxide from a generator they used to keep warm after their electric-

ity was cut off, police said Tuesday. The Delmarva Power company said it cut off power to the house on March 25 for safety reasons and not because the family was behind on their utility bills. Delmarva Spokesman Matt Likovich said the utility discovered a stolen electric meter had been illegally connected to the rental home in the small town of Princess Anne on Maryland's Eastern Shore, where the family was living since November.

Maryland law bars utilities from terminating electric service for nonpayment of bills from Nov. 1 through March 31 without an affidavit filed to the Public Service Commission.

Rodney Todd, 36, and his two sons and five daughters were last seen alive on March 28. Police responding to a missing persons report found their bod-

ies Monday after friends, school workers and Todd's supervisor at work had knocked on the door with no answer.

"The children were all in beds and it appears as though they were sleeping," Princess Anne Police Chief Scott Keller said. "They didn't have electricity. Probably it was bedtime and they decided they needed some light and probably some heat, because toward the end of March even though it was spring we were having some pretty chilly nights." Why Todd ran the gas-powered generator inside his kitchen wasn't clear. The chief speculated that the noise would have bothered neighbors, had it been outside.

"I'm just numb. I'm just numb. Like it's a nightmare but it's not," the children's mother, Tyisha Luneice

Chambers, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "If I had known he was without electricity, I would have helped." Lloyd Edwards said his stepson had bought the generator after the power was shut off because of unpaid bills at their one-story wood frame home. "It's so hard. How can you understand something like this?" Edwards said. "He was an outstanding dad. ... To keep his seven children warm, he bought a generator, and the carbon monoxide consumed them." Matt Likovich, a spokesman for Delmarva Power, said Tuesday that the utility was not contacted to have power restored in the home after the illegal meter was removed. "We had no record of who was living there," Likovich said. "There was no way to determine what their situation was." □

Kansas governor signs nation's 1st ban on abortion procedure

JOHN HANNA

AP Political Writer

TOPEKA, Kansas (AP) —

Kansas became the first state Tuesday to ban a common second-trimester abortion procedure that critics describe as dismembering a fetus.

Republican Gov. Sam Brownback, a strong abortion opponent, signed a bill imposing the ban, and the new law takes effect July 1. He and the National Right to Life Committee, which drafted the measure, said they hope Kansas' example spurs other states to enact such laws. Already, the measure also has been introduced in Missouri, Oklahoma and South Carolina. "This law has the power to transform the landscape

of abortion policy in the United States," committee president Carol Tobias said in a statement.

Two abortion rights groups that operate Kansas clinics with abortion services, Trust Women and Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri, said they're considering challenging the new law in court.

"We will become a bellwether for future introductions of this bill in the states," said Laura McQuade, president and CEO of the Planned Parenthood chapter.

Abortion rights supporters say the law, which bans the dilation and evacuation procedure and redefines it as "dismemberment," could be vulnerable to a

lawsuit because it bans some abortions before a fetus can survive outside the womb and contains no mental health exception for the mother.

A Delaware-based law professor said U.S. Supreme Court precedents over the past 15 years suggest the Kansas law wouldn't survive a challenge but added that the justices may revise past stances.

Under the law, the procedure is banned except when necessary to save a woman's life or prevent irreversible damage to her physical health. Doctors cannot use forceps, clamps, scissors or similar instruments on a fetus to remove it from the womb in pieces. □

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Hundreds of North Korea missiles threaten Asia



In this Oct. 10, 2010 file photo, North Korea missiles on trucks make its way during a massive military parade to mark the 65th anniversary of the communist nation's ruling Workers' Party in Pyongyang, North Korea.

Associated Press

MATTHEW PENNINGTON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nuclear-armed North Korea already has hundreds of ballistic missiles that can target its neighbors in Northeast Asia but will need foreign technology to upgrade its arsenal and pose a more direct threat to the United States, U.S. researchers said Tuesday. Those are the latest findings of a research program investigating what secretive North Korea's nuclear weapons capability will be by 2020.

Unlike Iran, the current focus of international nuclear diplomacy, North Korea has conducted atomic test explosions. Its blood-curdling rhetoric and periodic missile tests have set the region on edge and there's no sign of negotiations restarting to coax it into disarming.

For now, the emphasis is on sanctions and military preparedness. Defense Secretary Ash Carter visits

Japan and South Korea this week amid speculation the U.S. wants to place a missile defense system in South Korea against North Korean ballistic missiles, which Seoul is reluctant about as it would alienate China. The U.S. has already deployed anti-missile radar in Japan.

U.S. military officials have expressed growing concern about North Korea's capabilities. Navy Adm. William Gortney, commander of U.S. Northern Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command, told reporters Tuesday that it is the U.S. assessment that North Korea has the ability to miniaturize a warhead to put on an intercontinental ballistic missile.

U.S. officials are most concerned about a long-range missile called the KN-08 that has been displayed in military parades. It is said to be capable of being launched from a road-mobile vehicle and

would therefore be difficult to monitor via satellite.

But the research published Tuesday by the North Korean Futures Project stresses that for now the principal threat from North Korean missiles is to its neighbors in Asia. The project is conducted by the U.S.-Korea Institute at John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and National Defense University's Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Aerospace engineer John Schilling and a research associate at the institute, Henry Kan, say Pyongyang's current inventory of about 1,000 missiles, based on old Soviet technology, can already reach most targets in South Korea and Japan.

"North Korea has already achieved a level of delivery system development that will allow it to establish itself as a small nuclear power in the coming years," they write in a paper published on the institute's website, 38 North.

Despite the North's 2012 success in launching a rocket into space — the clearest sign yet it has the potential to reach the American mainland — Pyongyang faces greater technical challenges in launching an effective missile across the Pacific at the U.S.

It may already be able to field a limited number of long-range Taepodong missiles in an emergency but they would be unreliable, vulnerable to pre-

emptive strike and inaccurate, the analysis says. The KN-08 may achieve "emergency operational status" by 2020, before or with very limited flight testing, it adds.

The analysis says foreign assistance could be critical for overcoming the technological and engineering hurdles North Korea now faces in developing better missiles, including progress on high-performance engines, heat shields, guidance electronics and rocket motors that use solid fuel

instead of liquid fuel, it says. And that's become tougher as North Korea's international isolation has intensified since its first nuclear test explosion in 2006.

That hasn't stopped its nuclear program. According to a recent estimate by the Washington-based Institute for Science and International Security, the North likely has enough fissile material for at least 10 weapons, and that could increase to between 20 and 100 weapons by 2020. □

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Attack in western Mexico kills 15 police officers, wounds 5

MARK STEVENSON

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Gunmen ambushed a police convoy in the western state of Jalisco, killing 15 state police officers and wounding five as bullets riddled their vehicles in the deadliest single attack on Mexican police in recent memory.

The attack happened late Monday as the convoy traveled on a rural road between the Pacific coast resort of Puerto Vallarta and Guadalajara, the state capital, the Jalisco state prosecutors' office said. The death toll exceeded

that of what had been the largest recent since attack on law enforcement, an assault that killed 12 federal police officers in neighboring Michoacan state in 2010.

Jalisco is home to a drug cartel known as Jalisco New Generation, which experts say is now among Mexico's most powerful. Prosecutors would not confirm the gang was involved in Monday night's attack, but it would be unlikely for a rival gang to launch such a large attack on Jalisco's home turf.

While state Security Commissioner Alejandro Solorio

did not say how the attack was carried out, he said the convoy was ambushed in a "cowardly attack."

Local media reported that a vehicle was hijacked, parked across the two-lane road and set on fire to force the convoy to stop.

"The serious thing about this attack was that it was very well planned and orchestrated, with a military-style strategy," said Raul Benitez, a security expert at Mexico's National Autonomous University. "This was planned. A lot of gunmen were involved. They blocked the highway to surround them (police) and



Federal police stand next to a bullet riddled and burned car after a criminal gang ambushed a police convoy near the town of Soyatlan, near Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Monday, April 6, 2015.

Associated Press

attack with military superiority."

Ambushes of state-level security officials and Mexican army patrols have been relatively rare, and the Jalisco attacks suggest the conflict there is reaching a new level.

The ambush in the township of Soyatlan was the latest in a series of attacks in Jalisco over the past two weeks. Gunmen ambushed a federal police convoy March 19, killing five officers. On March 30, gunmen staged an unsuccessful attempt to kill Solorio, the state security commissioner. On Monday, gunmen killed the police chief of the town of Zacoalco de Torres.

Solorio said the most recent attacks are in retaliation for a March 23 shootout in which police killed gang boss Heriberto Acevedo Cardenas, who was nicknamed "El Gringo."

State prosecutor Luis Carlos Najera had previously identified Acevedo Cardenas as the mastermind behind a May 2014 ambush of Mexican troops in an-

other part of Jalisco that killed four soldiers and injured two. Authorities said at the time that attack was carried out by Jalisco New Generation in reprisal for the army's seizure of stolen gasoline. The cartel has been violent since it was founded in 2010 following the death of Jalisco-based Sinaloa cartel leader Ignacio "Nacho" Coronel. But it was the first time a cartel appeared to be mounting a direct, head-on challenge to authorities, Benitez said. Gunmen from other cartels have been known to open fire on police and soldiers, but it is usually because they are being pursued and want to escape capture.

Jalisco New General has been fighting the Knights Templar for territory in neighboring Michoacan state, which the Knights Templar controlled, building an economic empire based on extortion, drug trafficking and illegal mining until police and vigilantes largely dismantled the gang in 2013 and 2014. □



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560 dead amid fears of humanitarian collapse in Yemen

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SANAA, Yemen (AP) — As tons of desperately needed medical supplies await clearance to be flown into Yemen, aid workers warned Tuesday of an unfolding humanitarian crisis, saying at least 560 people, including dozens of children, have been killed, mostly in a Saudi-led air campaign and battles between Shiite rebels and forces loyal to the embattled president.

More than 1,700 people have been wounded and another 100,000 have fled their homes as fighting intensified over the past three weeks, the World Health Organization said. The Red Cross shipment would be the first to reach Yemen since the start of the Saudi-imposed air blockade. Sitara Jabeen, a Geneva-based spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross, said a cargo plane with 17 tons of medical supplies was in the Jordanian capital, Amman, awaiting the go-ahead from coalition forces to land in Sanaa, hopefully on Wednesday. Another 35 tons of supplies were also ready for shipment, she said.

"If these medical supplies do not reach Yemen, then unfortunately we are afraid many more people will die," Jabeen said. She said a surgical team was also awaiting clearance to dock in the embattled Yemeni port of Aden, where heavy fighting Monday left streets littered with bodies.

The fighting pits allies of Yemen's president, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, against Iranian-backed Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, and allied military units loyal to ousted Presi-

dent Ali Abdullah Saleh. The Saudi-led air campaign, which supports Hadi, now in its 13th day, so far has failed to stop the Houthis' advance on Aden, Yemen's second-largest city, which was declared the provisional capital by Hadi before he fled the country for Saudi Arabia as the rebels closed in two weeks ago.

WHO said Tuesday that at least 560 people have been killed and 1,768 wounded — many of them civilians — since the rebels and their allies launched an intensified land grab on March 19. Among the fatalities are at least 293 people killed since the March 26 start of the Saudi-led air campaign in support of Hadi.

The dead include at least 74 children killed since the start of the airstrikes, the U.N. children's agency said. At least 44 children have been wounded.

Comprehensive casualty

figures are difficult to collect and verify because of the ongoing violence, and aid agencies warned the overall death toll is likely far higher.

The Saudi campaign has turned Yemen into a new proxy war between the kingdom and Iran, which has backed the Houthis, though Tehran denies aiding the rebels militarily.

Civilians have paid a heavy toll for the violence that mushroomed from an internal power struggle into a regional war.

Children have been especially vulnerable, said UNICEF's Yemen representative, Julien Harneis.

"They are being killed, maimed and forced to flee their homes, their health threatened and their education interrupted," Harneis said in a statement, released Monday. Warring factions have also increased their recruitment of children under the age of 18.



In this Saturday, April 4, 2015 file photo, Yemenis stand amid the rubble of houses destroyed by Saudi-led airstrikes in a village near Sanaa, Yemen.

Associated Press

Humanitarian groups say they are running out of supplies and have called for a temporary halt to the fighting to allow medical teams and fresh medical supplies to arrive in the country and for residents to identify and bury their dead.

UNICEF said the violence has disrupted water sup-

plies in areas of southern Yemen and that sewage is overflowing in some locations, raising the risk of outbreaks of disease. Water systems have been repeatedly damaged in Aden and two other areas, UNICEF said, adding that it is providing fuel for water pumps. □

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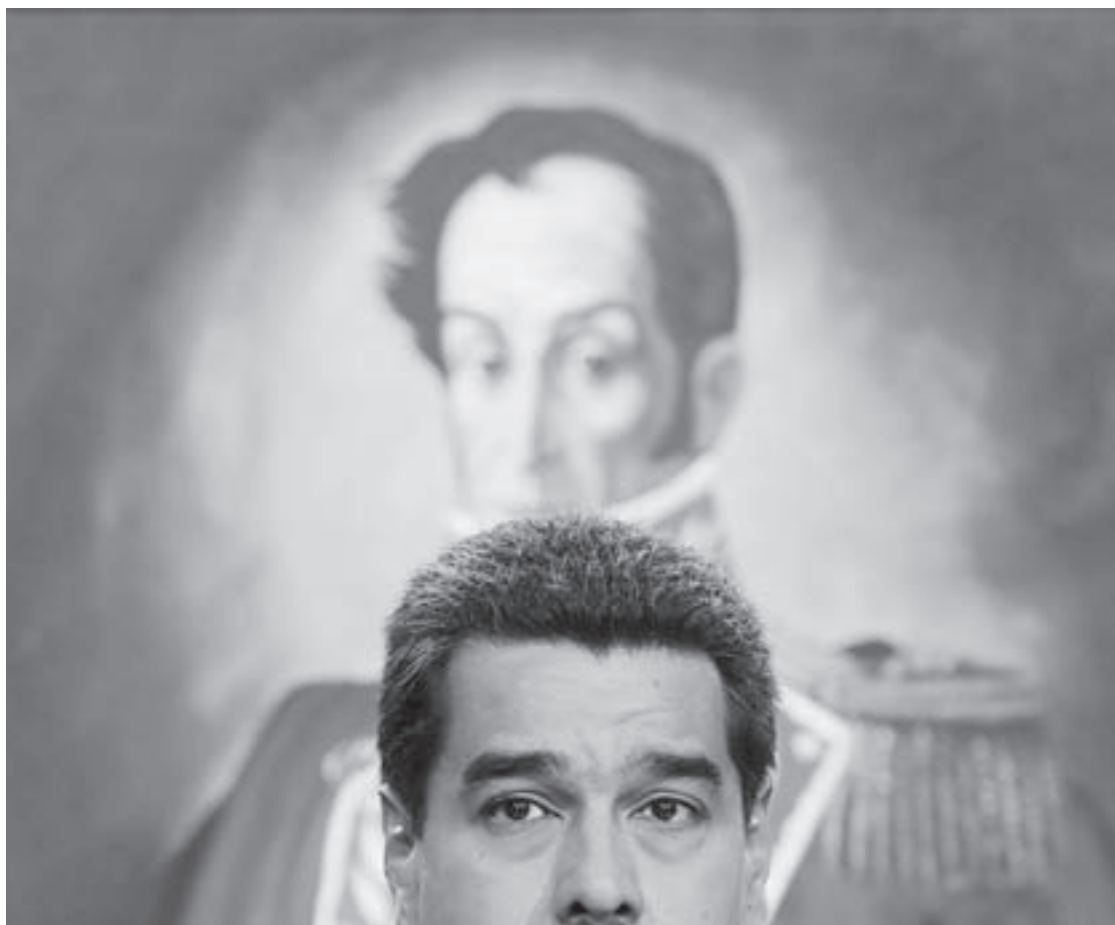
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PANAMA CITY (AP) — From Mexico to Brazil, leaders in Latin America have largely kept silent amid charges of human rights abuses in Venezuela and are unlikely to speak out against their neighbor at this week's Summit of the Americas.

Many Latin American heads of state gathering in Panama City are bound to oil-rich Venezuela by business dealings if not ideology, and are put off by recent U.S. sanctions against some of the country's officials. Others do not want to be seen as doing Washington's bidding, particularly as they face protests and plunging approval ratings at home.

"Venezuela has successfully played the history of U.S. imperialism and U.S. heavy-handedness cards, in a way that has made people want to back away from public criticism," said Geoff Thale, an analyst at the Washington Office on Latin America.

The Obama administration last month froze the U.S. assets and revoked visas for seven senior officials accused of human rights violations related to protests last year against President Nicolas Maduro's socialist government. The unrest is blamed for more than 40 deaths and triggered a crackdown on criticism that led to the jailing of several opposition leaders, including February's surprise arrest of Caracas Mayor Antonio Ledezma. Human Rights Watch and other advocacy groups issued a statement on Tuesday asking the countries attending the summit to call Maduro's administration to task for its alleged



In this Dec. 30, 2014 file photo, Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, backdropped by a painting of independence hero Simon Bolivar, speaks during a press conference in the Miraflores Presidential Palace in Caracas, Venezuela.

Associated Press

harassment of rights defenders.

But rather than highlight alleged abuses, the U.S. sanctions have drawn widespread condemnation in Latin America, denying Obama a hoped-for diplomatic victory lap at the summit for his decision to restore ties with Cold War nemesis Cuba. A reference to Venezuela as a threat to U.S. national security included in the sanctions declaration is standard bureaucratic language for the United States, but disturbing to a region with a long history of U.S. interference, from support for past military regimes to efforts to topple leftist governments. Host Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela said that while regional leaders are concerned

about the situation in Venezuela, both the government and the opposition, which has been calling for Maduro's resignation, bear responsibility. Safeguarding the results of congressional elections later this year is the best way to resolve the impasse, he said.

"As a democratic country, for sure, we defend human rights, we defend the right of the Venezuelan opposition to participate in democratic elections," he said in an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press. "But we also have to defend the right for President Maduro to finish his term."

Ricardo Zuniga, the U.S. National Security Council's senior director for Latin America, said Tuesday during a press briefing on Obama's upcoming visit that the situ-

ation in Venezuela is a concern of all governments around the region. But he played down the language labeling Venezuela a national security threat.

"We don't have any hostile designs on Venezuela," he said. "We are Venezuela's largest trading partner. We have an extensive and deep history between our countries, including a lot of family connections."

The U.S. action has been breathing new life into Maduro's government just as a plunge in oil prices looked set to deepen economic turmoil marked by widespread shortages and soaring 68 percent inflation. He has promised to deliver Obama a petition signed by 10 million Venezuelans calling on the U.S. to repeal the sanctions.

The pushback from the region seems to have caught the U.S. off guard.

"I was a bit, I will confess, disappointed that there weren't more who defended the fact that clearly this was not intended to hurt the Venezuelan people or the Venezuelan government even as a whole," Roberta Jacobson, the top State Department official for Latin America, said last week about the sanctions. It was no surprise that leftist allies such as the governments of Ecuador, Bolivia and Nicaragua would leap to defend Caracas. All have a history of vocal opposition to Washington. But even more moderate governments and traditional U.S. allies in the region have been reluctant to criticize Maduro.

Some governments are protective of deep economic ties to Venezuela, including Argentina and more than a dozen nations that have received subsidized oil under the Venezuelan-led Petrocaribe alliance. Others worry about instability spilling over. In Colombia, President Juan Manuel Santos is trying to protect important trade with Venezuela, repair relations that nearly collapsed under his combative conservative predecessor, Alvaro Uribe, and retain Venezuelan support for complicated peace talks with leftist rebels.

Meanwhile the presidents of regional heavyweights, Mexico, Brazil and Chile are dealing with their own domestic crises brought on by slumping economies and government corruption charges, so are reluctant to antagonize left-wing constituents who still revere the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. □



Playa Linda's Green Week promotes healthy lifestyles



PALM BEACH –Raising awareness about environmental issues, on the job and in the home, was successfully accomplished during Playa Linda Beach Resort's recent Green Week. A dynamic Green Team, led by Nigaima Ascencion (Housekeeping) and with able aid by Milda Ras (HR), Maureen Wong (Accounting), Clemente Lampe (Landscaping) and Alice Schuilenburg (Security), delivered on providing ongoing education about healthy, 'green' lifestyles.

Now in its 9th consecutive year, Playa Linda's annual Green Week focused in on engaging lectures, with Orinda Rasmijn talking on medicinal plants, Elis Schuilenburg on Amway, non-toxic products and E. Kelkboom on vegetarian foods. Also participating were company reps from Kooyman, discussing energy efficient appliances and Huchada bakery, sharing information on healthy food choices. A special thanks also goes to Gisela Croes, who came twice (the second time on request), to speak on the aloe and its natural health benefits.

Housekeeping Assistant Manager Nigaima "Nigi" Ascencion, who has been the main force behind the Green Team and is also a member of the AHATA environmental committee, expressed satisfaction on this year's event. "The lectures pointed out how easy and accessible it is to use natural ingredients as well as to carry out environmentally-friendly measures. For example, the damaru bean, which comes from the "pan cu keshi" tree, and which makes a great sweet spread, is actually ubiquitous in Aruba. In fact, one can be found right at the Playa



Linda, in front of the Dunkin' Donuts," she points out, amused. "All of the employees were able to take advantage of the lectures and learn a lot from them." The Playa Linda has always taken its dedication to the environment seriously. The Green Team has been active for several years, through the years of Green Globe certification to taking the extra step to ISO 14001 standards, and achieving the first such certification on Palm Beach. The resort also carries out a weekly recycling program and maintains monthly partici-

pation in the clean-a-mile effort as well as incentivizes employees who participate. Although the Green Team is now focused on the upcoming ISO audit in May, everyone is pleased with the success of the recent Green Week. "We had high participation and excellent feedback. It is extremely satisfying to hear that what they learn here, they are taking home and also teaching to their children. We are changing lifestyles, doing things differently and making a difference. Our efforts pay off. It works!," Nigi exclaims proudly. □



A 400-pound uninvited and unwelcome black bear visits the backyard

By Clyde Harms

While my daughter Ruth and her husband Stephen were spending a relaxing vacation sunning, swimming and sightseeing in Aruba, exciting things were taking place in their home in Amherst, Massachusetts that threatened to interrupt their tranquil vacation routine. One morning, their daughters Rachel, Sarah and Tiffany who were house-sitting saw a huge black bear coming out from under the wooden deck in the back of the house. "We have to call Aruba to let Stephen and Ruth know and ask them what we should do" said Tiffany. To prove that they were not joking, the girls ran to the screened porch

and took a picture of the bear before it disappeared in the adjacent woods and immediately sent it with the message to Aruba. The reply was swift: "Call the local police office and have them take care of it." A few minutes later Ruth received a worrisome message. The police can't do anything; the local wildlife protection agency handles these situations, but they don't open during weekends so the girls had to wait another two days till Monday. The police did issue a strong warning not to get close to the bear as bears can be very dangerous when they feel threatened. The girls carefully walked to the area where the bear had been. They were shocked

to see some giant footprints in the snow-covered yard. Not even Shaquille O'Neal would leave such footprints. Obviously they were not shoeprints. They immediately sent a picture of the prints to Aruba. "Last year's visitor must have come back while we were gone" said Stephen. Ruth agreed. They remembered that the winter before they had seen a huge black bear in the woods surrounding their home.

The fence around the backyard deck had been busted and the hole leading to the "basement" of the deck was covered with dirt, leaves and branches. "Oh my god", exclaimed Rachel, "the bear must have been hibernating un-

der our deck!" Indeed it looked like that. And there was the suet bird feeder. Empty, of course. Sarah jokingly remarked that the bear was probably upset that the hotel did not have room service so it helped itself to what it could find. While investigating further, the girls discovered a pile of animal excrement. "That is no dog doo doo", said Tiffany, "that is real bear scat." On Monday the girls called up the local wildlife pro-



tection office whose agent told them not to use a bird feeder anymore, because it attracted the bears when these animals end their hibernation and start looking for food. The agent also commented that what they had seen was an adult, but not yet fully grown, male bear. "Don't

worry", the agent said, "the bears won't come back, not this year anyway." The girls transmitted another message to Aruba where Stephen and Ruth's only stressful activity was to watch the harmless iguana's and the sugarbirds: "All is again quiet on the northern front." □

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amazing porch and enjoy! The grand opening was a busy event where the friendly staff welcomed all invited guests with champagne and a smile. One of the guests was overheard remarking: "I was wondering how one could find niche for a new restaurant on Aruba, but I believe Niels has found it with Sidebar.

The combination gourmet burger and aged Bourbons is one that we don't have yet on the island. This bistro is going to soar." Others agreed and they added that the food is absolutely terrific; they knew from experience, because Sidebar has already been open for two weeks, ironing out any glitches before its Grand Opening. Live music was provided by "Joyride" and till late at night the crowd danced away on popular songs played by the band. □



Kids love the bunny that left the golden eggs at Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall



What is a family-oriented Easter without an egg hunt? As part of a trio of activities over the entire holiday weekend, Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall in Palm Beach hosted an exciting hour that had youngsters scouring the premises in search of the

elusive golden eggs. There were plenty of colored eggs filled with chocolate, so all participants enjoyed some sort of prize. Those lucky enough to find the 12 golden eggs were rewarded with tickets to The Cinemas, unique items from Tous accessory store



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days very seriously when insuring that all young visitors to the mall are guaranteed great fun! □

Among the winners were three children spending their Easter vacation on Aruba, proving that tourists and islanders alike enthusiastically indulged in the holiday high jinks. Local dance group Youth in Action provided an exciting show at the end of the hunt, during which there was face painting, pony rides, bumper boats and other fun activities to keep young hands and minds cheerfully occupied. Paseo Herencia takes holi-



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Rollins leads Dodgers past Padres

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jimmy Rollins hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the eighth inning, rallying the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 6-3 victory over the San Diego Padres in the season opener Monday.

Rollins took a curtain call for his drive off Shawn Kelley (0-1). Rollins and Howie Kendrick joined the team in the offseason to improve the Dodgers' in-field defense, but their offensive prowess delivered the victory. Kendrick's RBI double with two outs in the seventh tied it at 3. Rollins went 2 for 4. Clayton Kershaw, the reigning National League Most Valuable Player and Cy Young Award winner, struck out nine, but the team with MLB's highest payroll of \$270 million trailed twice before Kendrick and Rollins bailed them out. Kershaw gave up three runs and six hits in six innings. Joel Peralta (1-0) got the victory and Chris Hatcher earned his first save. San Diego's Matt Kemp went 2 for 4 with three RBIs against his former team.

RED SOX 8, PHILLIES 0

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Boston newcomer Hanley Ramirez and Dustin Pedroia each hit two home runs, Clay Buchholz threw three-hit ball over seven innings and the Red Sox beat Philadelphia in an interleague opener.

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Woods ends Par 3 Contest absence



Tiger Woods hugs his children Charlie, left and Sam during a practice round for the Masters golf tournament Tuesday, April 7, 2015, in Augusta, Ga.

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Tiger Woods to play in Par 3 competition at the Masters

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — This is one competition Tiger Woods doesn't mind losing. He's playing in the Par 3 Tournament at the Masters.

Woods typically skips the Wednesday afternoon tradition at Augusta National. But he had a couple of reasons to play this year.

One is named Sam. The other is Charlie.

Woods said his daughter and son would be cad-dying for him Wednesday afternoon. Seven-year-old Sam and 6-year-old Charlie were at Augusta National on Tuesday, going onto the green at the practice area with Woods' girlfriend, Olympic ski champion Lindsey Vonn.

"My two little ones are going to be out there with me," Woods said about the Par 3. "It's special. As I said, this tournament means so much to me in so many different ways." He looked back to 1997, when his father nearly died of heart issues at the start of the year, and then was behind the 18th green for a bear hug when Woods polished off



Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the fourth hole during a practice round for the Masters golf tournament Tuesday, April 7, 2015, in Augusta, Ga.

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his record-shattering victory at the Masters.

"To now have come full circle and to have a chance to have my kids out there and be able

to share that with them, it's special," Woods said.

"Charlie has seen me win a golf tournament before. Sam, actually she was there at the U.S.

Open in 2008, but doesn't remember it. It's nice to be able to share these things with my family and it just means the world to me. They are excited, I'm excited and can't wait to go out there."

Winning the Par 3, however, is the last thing he wants to do.

No one has ever won the Par 3 and the Masters in the same week.

"I had an opportunity to do that once, remember that?" Woods said.

That would be the last time he played. He shot a 4-under 23 in 2004 and got into a three-way playoff with Padraig Harrington and Eduardo Romero.

"It was raining," Woods

said with a smile. "Didn't show up for the playoff." Harrington wound up winning.

Woods recalls making birdie after birdie in the Par 3 and having a chance to win another year.

"And for some reason, the wind came up and I hit two balls in the water," Woods said to laughter. "Just so happened to be that way. Just one of those weird things."

Does that mean he's superstitious about the legend of Par 3 winners never winning a green jacket in the same year?

"Yeah, no one's ever done it," he said. "I don't want to prove it wrong, so just have a good time." □

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Cuban MLB players dip slightly despite high-profile signings

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite high-profile signings during the offseason, there was one fewer Cuban-born player on opening-day rosters this year than in 2014. There were 18 Cubans on major league rosters Sunday, according to the commissioner's office. The Cuban players who signed the most-lucrative contracts both began the season in the minors: Boston outfielder Rusney Castillo (\$72.5 million for seven years) was sent to Pawtucket and Arizona outfielder Yasmany Tomas (\$68.5 million for six seasons) to Reno. Major League Baseball said 230 of 868 players on opening-day rosters, disabled lists and the restricted list were born outside the 50 states, with the percentage rising to 26.5 from 26.3 percent. Players were born in 17 countries and territories outside the 50 states, the most since 2001 and one short of the record set

in 1998.

The Dominican Republic has topped the list each year since MLB began tracking the numbers in 2005. There are 83 Dominican players, one more than last year but down from a high of 99 in 2007. Every team except Washington had a Dominican-born player on its opening-day roster. Venezuela was next with 65, six more than last year. Puerto Rico had 13, followed by Canada, Japan and Mexico (nine), Colombia, Curacao and Panama (four), South Korea (three), Australia, Brazil, Nicaragua (two); and Aruba, Netherlands and Taiwan (one). Kansas City outfielder Paulo Orlando became the second Brazilian on an opening-day roster following Cleveland catcher Yan Gomes last year. Texas has the most players born outside the 50 states with 15, trailed by Toronto



Detroit Tigers' Yoenis Cespedes slides into third base with a triple during the sixth inning of an opening day baseball game against the Minnesota Twins in Detroit, Monday, April 6, 2015.
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(12), and Boston and Detroit (11 each). Oakland had the fewest with two: Dominican pitcher Fernando Abad and Ca-

nadian third baseman Brett Lawrie. Figures include active rosters, 115 players on disabled lists and three on the restricted list serving

drug suspensions. The percentage of foreign-born minor league players was 48.8, up from 47.8 last year. □



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Rangers close in on Presidents' Trophy with win

NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Stepan scored with 28 seconds left in regulation to force overtime, then got the winner late in the extra period in the New York Rangers' 4-3 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Monday.

With their fourth straight win, the Rangers improved to a league-best 109 points. With three games remaining, the Rangers are two points ahead of Anaheim for the Presidents' Trophy.

The Rangers have won the Presidents' Trophy once in their 88-year history, in the 1993-94 season — the last time the club won the Stanley Cup. Columbus, the NHL's hottest team, had won nine in a row, but won't make the playoffs.

SABRES 4, HURRICANES 3
BUFFALO, New York (AP) — Tyler Ennis scored his 20th goal and the Sabres avoided clinching a last-place overall finish in the NHL this season — at least for another game.

Mikhail Grigorenko, Brian Gionta and Johan Larsson also scored for Buffalo, which entered the game a loss away from guaranteeing the best odds at the first pick in June's NHL draft. The Sabres have 54 points, two points behind Edmonton. Anders Lindback made 49 saves.

Alexander Semin, Eric Staal and Patrick Dwyer scored for Carolina, which nearly erased a four-goal deficit in the defeat. Carolina out shot Buffalo in every period en route to a 52-25 advantage for the game.

JETS 2, WILD 0
ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) — Blake Wheeler and

Drew Stafford scored and Ondrej Pavelec made 32 saves as Winnipeg gave its playoff push a big boost and prevented Minnesota from clinching a wild-card spot.

The Wild stayed stuck on 96 points after their first loss by more than one

but the Pacific Division teams that haven't secured one of the three playoff berths on the other side of the tough Western Conference.

CANUCKS 2, KINGS 1, SO VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Chris Higgins scored in the shoot-

who moved into a third-place tie at 93 points with Calgary. However, the Flames own a tiebreaker with more regulation and overtime wins.

Los Angeles also dropped one point behind Winnipeg for the second wild card in the Western Con-

Garbutt also scored for the Stars, who have won seven of their last eight road games and seven of 10 overall.

Joe Thornton scored for the Sharks, who failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 2002-03.

Jhonas Enroth stopped 23



New York Rangers center Derek Stepan, left, celebrates the game-tying goal with left wing Chris Kreider (20) during the third period of an NHL hockey game against the Columbus Blue Jackets, Monday, April 6, 2015, in New York.

Associated Press

goal in 34 games since Jan. 19. They must finish the regular season on the road, where they've won 10 straight games to set a club record, with visits to Central Division rivals Chicago, Nashville and St. Louis.

The Jets reached 94 points, keeping the pressure on not only the Wild

out and Eddie Lack made 36 saves to lead Vancouver.

Daniel Sedin scored in regulation as the Canucks solidified second place in the Pacific Division with 97 points, four ahead of Calgary and the Kings.

Dwight King scored for the defending Stanley Cup champion Kings,

ference.

STARS 5, SHARKS 1
SAN JOSE, California (AP) — Jamie Benn scored twice and Colton Sceviour scored in the first 30 seconds as Dallas beat San Jose on a night when both teams were eliminated from the playoff race.

Patrick Eaves and Ryan

of 24 shots to improve to 3-0 in four career appearances against the Sharks. Alex Stalock made 20 saves.

In other NHL games it was Vancouver 2, Los Angeles 1, SO; Buffalo 4, Carolina 3; N.Y. Rangers 4, Columbus 3, OT; Winnipeg 2, Minnesota 0; and Dallas 5, San Jose 1. □

Dodgers - Padres

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Buchholz (1-0) struck out nine and pitched like the player who went 12-1 in 2013.

Ramirez made quite an impression in his first game since the free agent signed an \$88 million, four-year contract. He hit a solo homer in the fifth and a grand slam off Jake Diekman in the ninth.

Cole Hamels (0-1) gave up five hits in five innings, striking out six. He allowed four homers for the second time in his career.

Mookie Betts also homered for Boston.

GIANTS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 4

PHOENIX (AP) — Madison Bumgarner pitched seven strong innings as San Francisco opened defense of its third World Series title in five years with a win over Arizona.

Bumgarner (1-0) was the World Series Most Valuable Player last year and was sharp to start the 2015 season, allowing a run on six hits.

The Giants lost power-hitting Pablo Sandoval during the offseason and were without injured right fielder Hunter Pence, but made up for it by stringing together 10 hits in four-plus innings against Josh Collmenter (0-2).

Angel Pagan had a pair of run-scoring singles and Brandon Crawford hit a two-run double for the Giants.

Diamondbacks pinch-hitter Jake Lamb hit a three-run double off Sergio Romo in the eighth, but Jeremy Afeldt stranded two runners to end the inning. Santiago Casilla worked a perfect ninth for the save.

METS 3, NATIONALS 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — Max Scherzer took a no-hitter into the sixth inning of his Washington debut but was unable to overcome two costly errors by shortstop Ian Desmond that aided New York.

Bartolo Colon pitched six clean innings for the Mets, giving up only Bryce Harper's third opening-day homer. Lucas Duda hit a two-run single with two outs

in the sixth, putting New York ahead with its first hit of the year.

At 41, Colon (1-0) was the oldest opening-day starter in Mets history — and in the majors since 2006. He struck out eight and allowed only three hits.

Scherzer (0-1), making the first start of his \$210 million contract, retired 17 in a row during one stretch and gave up four hits in 7 2-3 innings. All three runs off him were unearned.

Four relievers followed Colon, with 37-year-old Buddy Carlyle getting two outs for his first career save. New York closer Jenry Mejia was unavailable due to a tight elbow.

ROCKIES 10, BREWERS 0

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Kyle Kendrick pitched seven sharp innings and also got two hits as Colorado trounced Milwaukee.

Corey Dickerson and Nolan Arenado each homered and drove in four runs. Troy Tulowitzki doubled twice, singled and scored three times. There were eight extra-base hits in the game, all by the Rockies.

Kendrick (1-0), who left Philadelphia after last season, excelled in his first opening day start. He gave up seven singles, walked none and struck out six.

After former commissioner Bud Selig lobbed in the ceremonial first ball, the Rockies teed off against Kyle Lohse (0-1).

With the Brewers trailing 1-0, slugger Ryan Braun left with a strain on his right side.

BRAVES 2, MARLINS 1

MIAMI (AP) — Two Atlanta relievers combined to escape a bases-loaded, none-out jam in the seventh inning, and new closer Jason Grilli pitched a perfect ninth to help the Braves beat Miami.

Braves newcomer Nick Markakis drove in both of their runs. Julio Teheran (1-0) allowed eight hits but only one run in six-plus innings.

Henderson Alvarez (0-1) gave up two runs in seven innings and scored Miami's only run.

Marlins slugger Giancarlo

Los Angeles Dodgers' Jimmy Rollins, second from left, hits a three-run home run as San Diego Padres relief pitcher Shawn Kelley, left, pitches and catcher Derek Norris, second from right, watches along with home plate umpire Brian Gorman during the eighth inning of an opening day baseball game, Monday, April 6, 2015, in Los Angeles. Associated Press

Stanton went 1 for 4 and made a baserunning mistake. The game was Stanton's first since he signed a record \$325 million, 13-year contract.

REDS 5, PIRATES 2

CINCINNATI (AP) — Todd Frazier hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to rally Cincinnati past Pittsburgh.

Billy Hamilton and Joey Votto singled before Frazier connected against Tony Watson (0-1), ending a 2-all tie.

Johnny Cueto, the Reds' 20-game winner in the final year of a contract, opened his uncertain season with another dominating performance against the Pirates. He fanned 10 batters in seven innings before turning a 2-0 lead over to a bullpen that was a big problem last season.

Andrew McCutchen tied it with a two-run shot off newcomer Kevin Gregg.

Jumbo Diaz (1-0) got the final out in the eighth.

Jay Bruce hit a solo homer, and Francisco Liriano balked home a run in his first game since Pittsburgh gave him the biggest free-agent contract in franchise history — three years, \$39 million. Liriano allowed two hits in seven innings.

In other NL games it was Colorado 10, Milwaukee 0; Boston 8, Philadelphia 0; N.Y. Mets 3, Washington 1; Atlanta 2, Miami 1; Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 2; L.A. Dodgers 6, San Diego 3; and San Francisco 5, Arizona 4. □



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By: Dr Carlos Viana

Zinc compounds were known as far back as three thousand years in China and India. In 1546 Agricola reported that a white metal was condensed and scraped off the walls of early furnaces when ore was smelted to obtain lead and silver.

This white metal hardened in jagged spikes, zinko in German.

The history of our recognition of the significance of zinc in medicine however, is remarkably brief. By the late 1950s it was accepted that zinc was a necessary micronutrient for humans although scientific opinion tended to dismiss the likelihood of human zinc deficiency.

In the last decade, we have come to appreciate zinc to be a mineral that is essential for a healthy immune system, production of certain hormones, wound healing, bone formation, and clear skin. It is required in very small amounts, and is thus known as a trace mineral. Despite the low requirement, zinc is found in nearly every cell of the body and is a key to the proper function of more than 300 enzymes. Normal growth and development cannot occur without it.

In our clinic we have found people with mild to moderately low levels of zinc, although serious deficiency is rare. Symptoms can include

an increased susceptibility to infection, rashes, hair loss, and poor growth in children, slow healing of wounds, rashes, acne, male infertility, poor appetite, decreased sense of taste and smell, and swelling of the mouth, tongue, and eyelids. Women will find their ability to climax is much more difficult.

A more serious, chronic deficiency can cause severe growth problems, including dwarfism and poor bone maturation. The spleen and liver may become enlarged. Testicular size and function both tend to decrease. Cataracts may form in the eyes, the optic nerve can become swollen, and color vision is sometimes affected by a profound lack of zinc. Hearing can be affected as well.

People who are deficient in zinc are prone to getting more and longer lasting infections. Zinc acts as an immune booster, in part due to stimulation of the thymus gland. This gland tends to shrink with age, and consequently produces less of the hormones that boost the production of infection-fighting white blood cells. Supplemental zinc can reverse this tendency and improve immune function.

Zinc has become a popular remedy for the common cold and using a supplement when symptoms occur may significantly shorten the duration of the illness. The only form of zinc proven effective for this purpose is the zinc gluconate or zinc acetate lozenge. 13-23 mg or more appear to be most effective, and need to be dissolved in the mouth in order to exert antiviral properties. Swallowing zinc tablets will not work. The lozenges can be used every two hours for up to a week or two at most.

Zinc can offer some

relief from chronic infections with *Candida albicans*, or yeast. Most women will experience a vaginal yeast infection at some time. One study showed yeast-fighting benefits for zinc even for those who were not deficient in the mineral to begin with. Other supplements that complement zinc in combating yeast problems are vitamin C, and vitamin E. Another measure that can help to limit problems with *Candida* is *Lactobacillus*, a friendly bacterium that competes with yeast. Limiting sweets in the diet may also prove helpful.

Teenagers are often low in zinc, and tend to experience more acne. Increasing water intake and dietary zinc or taking a modest supplement in order to get the RDA amount is low risk and may prove helpful. People should consult a health care provider knowledgeable in nutrition before taking large doses of any supplement.

We advise our patients about to have surgery to make sure they are getting a sufficient amount of zinc and vitamin C in order to optimize wound healing. Adequate levels of these vitamins and minerals for at least a few weeks before and after surgery can speed healing. The same nutrients are important to minimize the healing time of bedsores, burns, and other skin lesions.

There are two male health problems that can potentially benefit from zinc supplementation. Testosterone is one of the hormones that require zinc for production. Men with infertility as a result of low testosterone levels may experience improvement from taking a zinc supplement. Another condition that zinc can be helpful for is benign prostatic hyper-

trophy, a common cause of abnormally frequent urination in older men. Taking an extra 30 mg a day for three to six months offers symptomatic relief for some men.

Oysters are tremendously high in zinc. Some sources, such as whole grains, beans, and nuts, have good zinc content but the fiber in these foods prevents it from being absorbed well. Foods with better utilized zinc include beef, chicken, turkey, milk, cheese, and yogurt. Pure maple syrup also is a good source of zinc.

Since meats are the best sources of zinc, strict vegetarians are more likely to be deficient. Zinc is needed in larger amounts for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding. Deficiency during pregnancy may lower fetal birth weight, as well as increase maternal risk of toxemia. A good prenatal vitamin is likely to contain an adequate amount.

People over age 50 don't absorb zinc as well, nor do they generally have adequate intake, and may require a supplement. Alcohol abusers, those that have more than two drinks a day generally have poor nutritional status to begin with, and alcohol also depletes stored zinc.

Zinc is sometimes promoted as an aid for memory. However, in the case of people with Alzheimer's disease, zinc can cause more harm than good. Some experiments indicate that zinc actually decreases intellectual function of people with this disease. As well as with, people who have hemochromatosis, a hereditary disorder affecting iron metabolism or if you are allergic to zinc, are infected with HIV, pregnant have glaucoma or have ulcers. Under these circumstances, it is best to be evaluated by a certified clinical

nutritionist before supplementing with zinc.

Get the Point! Some diseases increase the risk of zinc deficiency. Sickle-cell anemia, diabetes, and kidney disease can all affect zinc metabolism. People with Crohn's disease, sprue, chronic diarrhea, or babies with an often fatal inherited disease involving inefficient intestinal absorption of zinc; readily treated by adding zinc to the diet also have an increased need for zinc. Not everyone who "knows about" nutrition is qualified to do a nutritional evaluation which includes using results from blood tests.. To be sure how much zinc or other vitamins you need, ask to see credentials and call to make an appointment with a certified clinical nutritionist.

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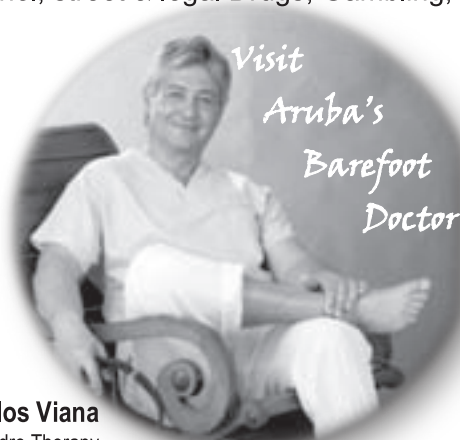


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Uber's popularity surges; business travelers avoiding taxis

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Business travelers are bypassing the taxi queue with greater frequency, choosing instead ride-hailing services like Uber Technologies.

A new report by expense management system provider Certify shows that 47 percent of the ground transportation rides by its users in March were through Uber. That's more than tripled from the 14 percent of rides that Uber had just over a year ago in January 2014. In a few cities, Uber now tops taxi rides for business travelers.

"While we often see noteworthy market shifts — leading restaurant chains and hotels exchanging leadership positions, for example — it is unprecedented to see one vendor grow

to take such a commanding market share within one year's time," says Certify CEO Bob Neveu.

While taxis, limousines and airport shuttles still dominate the ground transportation business, Certify's report shows ride-hailing services are rapidly on the rise among business travelers. Certify based its finding on the 28 million trip receipts its North American clients submit each year.

Uber connects travelers with various cars through its smartphone app. Some drivers work for car service companies; others spend a few hours driving their personal cars on the side for some extra money. Business travelers might be quickly moving toward Uber, but their employers have some major concerns.

Mike McCormick, executive director of the Global Business Travel Association, notes that many companies are worried about issues of safety and liability. Depending on the city, Uber drivers aren't necessarily regulated by government taxi licensing authorities. Both Uber and competitor Lyft insure their drivers during paid rides and also require the drivers to carry personal auto insurance that covers them the rest of the time.

Uber has faced criticism that its employees inappropriately accessed customer data and that it does not properly screen drivers to ensure they have clean criminal records. In a few cities, Uber beats out taxis by a wide margin for business travelers. In its home town of San Fran-



In this Wednesday, March 18, 2015, file photo, the Uber app displays cars available to make a pickup in downtown Manhattan on a smart phone, in New York. Associated Press

cisco, 71 percent of rides expensed through Certify during the first quarter were for Uber; 29 percent used taxis. Uber also beat out all other forms of ground transportation in Dallas, accounting for 56 percent of the rides.

In Los Angeles and Wash-

ington D.C., Uber represented 49 percent of business travel rides. Taxis, limousines and airport shuttles still reigned in New York, Miami and Chicago where they took 79 percent, 77 percent and 75 percent of rides expensed, respectively. □



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WASHINGTON (AP) — The new YouTube Kids mobile app targets young children with unfair and deceptive advertising and should be investigated, a group of consumer advocates told the Federal Trade Commission in a letter Tuesday.

Google introduced the app in February as a "safer" place for kids to explore videos because it was restricted to "family-focused content."

But the consumer activists say the app is so stuffed

with advertisements and product placements that it's hard to tell the difference between entertainment and commercials. One example is a 7-minute video of Disney's "Frozen" characters who appear as dolls inside a toy McDonald's, eating ice cream and drinking Sprite.

The activists say digital media should be subject to the same rules as television, which limits commercial content on kids' programming.

"As a consumer, you should have the right to

YouTube Kids app criticized as unfair and deceiving

know who is trying to persuade you," said Angela Campbell with the Institute for Public Representation at Georgetown Law, who provided legal counsel to the coalition.

In young children especially, "it takes unfair advantage of their trusting nature and lack of experience," she added.

In a statement early Tuesday, YouTube said: "We worked with numerous partners and child advocacy groups when developing YouTube Kids. While we are always open to feedback on ways to improve the app, we were not contacted directly by the signers of this letter and strongly disagree with their contentions, including the suggestion that no

free, ad-supported experience for kids will ever be acceptable. We disagree and think that great content shouldn't be reserved for only those families who can afford it."

Since its inception in 2005, YouTube has become the world's most popular online video site, with more than 1 billion users. For parents, it's become an easy way to find Elmo song clips or full episodes of "Barney & Friends." But when searching for Elmo or Barney, it's easy to pull up other user-generated content aimed at adults, such as the two puppets cursing or waving guns. "Now, parents can rest a little easier knowing that videos in the YouTube Kids app are narrowed down to content appropri-

ate for kids," wrote Shimrit Ben-Yair, the app's product manager, in a February blog post.

According to the consumer groups' letter, the videos mingle commercial and entertainment content in ways that wouldn't be allowed on television. Search for "My Little Pony," for example, and the first several options are lengthy advertisements for My Little Pony Play-Doh and toy kitchen sets, including one Play-Doh segment stretching 19 minutes.

"The fact that children are viewing the videos on a tablet or smartphone screen instead of on a television screen does not make it any less unfair and deceptive," the letter states. □

U.S. job openings surge, a sign that job gains may rebound

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WASHINGTON (AP) — It turns out we may be able to breathe a little easier about the slowdown in hiring last month.

A Labor Department report Tuesday showed that job openings surged 3.4 percent to 5.1 million in February — a 14-year high. That's a clear sign that companies are willing to boost their staffs.

The figure follows a disappointing jobs report on Friday, which showed that employers added only 126,000 jobs in March. That was the weakest number in 15 months, and followed 12 straight months of job gains above 200,000.

The pickup in open jobs, however, suggests that hiring could rebound in the coming months. Businesses have been slow to fill openings for much of the recovery and may start filling more of their open jobs in April.

The sharp rise in available jobs "is a reassuring sign that the fundamentals of



In this April 2, 2015 photo, Nathan Golder, left, speaks to Deborah Kelley, with the Georgia National Guard Family Assistance Center, about employment opportunities during a huge 15-county North Georgia job fair at The Colonnade in Ringgold, Ga.

the labor market have continued to improve," said Jeremy Schwartz, an analyst at Credit Suisse.

Other recent data point to better hiring and growth in the second quarter. The number of people seeking

unemployment benefits fell last week. And a survey of service firms, including retailers, banks and construction companies, found that they expanded at a healthy pace last month.

There were some negative signs in Tuesday's report. Total hiring slipped 1.6 percent in February to 4.9 million, the second straight decline.

But layoffs fell even more. The declines in hiring and layoffs suggest that employers were cautious in the face of a faltering economy but weren't spooked enough to cut jobs.

Recent data has pointed to sputtering growth in the first three months of this year. Consumers have been reluctant to ramp up spending, instead saving much of the windfall from cheaper gas prices. Fewer exports have lowered factory output. Home construction has also been weak.

Many economists blamed the tepid job gain on temporary factors, such as harsh winter weather, a labor dispute at West Coast ports that disrupted shipping, and a stronger dollar that has hurt U.S. export sales. Most now expect the economy expanded at only a 1 percent annual rate in the first three months of this year, down from 2.2 percent in the final three months of last year.

The increase in available jobs, even as hiring slows,

could also be a sign that employers will have to try harder to fill their jobs. Businesses may be forced to offer higher pay to attract more workers.

There are some indications that may already be happening. Retailers had nearly 30,000 more open jobs in February than the previous month, while hotels and restaurants posted 37,000 more jobs. Yet neither sector filled all those positions: Retail hiring fell in February compared to the previous month, while hotel and restaurant hiring rose by a smaller amount than openings.

Many companies in those sectors have announced high-profile wage increases in recent months, including Wal-Mart, McDonald's, Ikea, and TJX Cos., the parent of discount store operator TJ Maxx and Marshall's.

Average hourly earnings rose 0.3 percent in March, the government said last week, a sign wages may be perking up. But they are still just 2.1 percent higher than a year ago, similar to the tepid gains that have occurred since the recession ended in June 2009.

There were other good signs in Tuesday's report: Layoffs plummeted 7.6 percent to 1.6 million, the lowest level in 16 months. That points to a high degree of job security for those Americans who are employed.

And the number of people quitting their jobs slipped 3.3 percent to 2.7 million. That is still 10.2 percent higher than a year ago. More people quitting can be a good sign for the economy, because people typically quit when they have found another job, usually at higher pay.

The jobs figures reported Friday are a net figure: Jobs gained minus jobs lost. The data reported Tuesday are more detailed. They calculate total hires, as well as quits and layoffs. Tuesday's numbers also reflect data for February, and are a month behind last week's jobs report. □

U.S. consumer borrowing climbs to record high in February

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers increased their borrowing to a record high in February, driven by a large jump in auto and student loans.

The Federal Reserve reported Tuesday that consumer borrowing expanded \$15.5 billion in February following a \$10.8 billion gain in January. The February increase pushed borrowing to a fresh record of \$3.34 trillion. Borrowing in the category that covers auto loans and student loans increased by \$19.2 billion, the biggest monthly gain since July 2011. That offset a \$3.7 billion decline in the credit card category.

Economists expect credit card use to rebound in coming months, which would bolster consumer spending this year. Consumer borrowing has



In this Nov. 28, 2014, file photo, a shopper pays for her purchases at a Target store in South Portland, Maine.

Associated Press

risen 6.8 percent over the past year, fueled by an 8.3 percent rise in auto and student loans. The credit card category is up a more modest 3.4 percent. Credit card debt has grown much more slowly since the Great Recession, when millions of jobs were lost and laid-off workers struggled to find new employment.

But economists are hopeful that with healthy job growth and unemployment down to 5.5 percent, households will feel more confident about using their credit cards.

The Fed's monthly credit report does not cover mortgages or other loans backed by real estate such as home equity loans. □

On Conquering Fear



David Brooks
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Everybody is afraid sometimes, and, at those moments, it doesn't really help to say, "Suck it up and get over it!" So it would be nice if there were subtler strategies and techniques to conquer fear. Fortunately, one such method is embedded in the story that Jews read tonight as part of the Passover Seder. It's an attractive technique because it involves kissing, talking and singing your way through fear.

There is, especially at the start, a lot of dread in the Exodus story. Moses is afraid of the responsibility he is given. He's afraid of being ridiculed and making mistakes. He's afraid that his people are not worthy or ready to be liberated. The Israelites are afraid of the pharaoh and his soldiers. They are afraid of death but also afraid of really living.

The fear makes people apathetic, torpid and skeptical. The Israelites are unable to absorb words of hope. They shroud their lives in secrecy. As the magnificent Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg puts it in her book "The Particulars of Rapture," "It is this fear that makes hearing, reverie, and speech impossible: a defensive rigidity that narrows the channels and closes the apertures."

To harden their lot, according to post-Temple commentaries, the pharaoh forced the Israelite men to do endless labor and sleep in the fields, away from their wives and marital beds. But the women made meals and brought wine to their husbands in the evenings. After drinking and dining, the women would pull out mirrors and the couples would gaze at themselves in the mirror. "I'm more beautiful than you," the women would say. "I'm more beautiful than you," the men would respond.

In this way, they would break out of their apathy and accustom themselves to desire. They were covered with dirt and fear, but they challenged each other to see beauty in the other. Gazing jointly into the mirrors, and aroused by each other, they began to sense unexpected possibilities.

Before this desire was kindled, language had lost its power because the people were rendered stone-deaf by fear. But, in this aroused, anticipatory state, their ears open up. Their mouths become looser. From a state

of being cramped up in terror, there is a moment of relaxing.

The 18th-century thinker Rabbi Nachman of Breslov wrote that romantic desire clears the throat. Once people start speaking to each other and telling stories to each other, they generate alternate worlds.

A story isn't an argument or a collection of data. It contains multiple meanings that can be discussed, questioned and reinterpreted.

Storytelling becomes central to conquering fear. It's a way of naming and making sense of fear and imagining different routes out. Storytellers expand the consciousness, waken the sleeping self and give their hearers the words and motifs to use for themselves. Jews tell the Exodus story each generation to understand the fears they feel at that moment. Stories create new ways of seeing, which lead to new ways of feeling and thinking. After the plagues, Pharaoh is compelled to accept the truth of the story that Moses has been telling about his people. The Israelites are now strong enough to make the leap from bondage.

The nature of that leap is illustrated by an incident that takes place at the start. The normal version of this episode is that God parts the Dead Sea, the Israelites cross, the Egyptians are engulfed and then the Israelites sing in celebration. But the alternate version is that the Israelites are singing at the moment of crossing. They are not singing in celebration. They are singing in defiance of terror.

The climactic break from bondage is thus done in a mood of enchantment. The women, who have experienced the worst suffering, take out their timbrels and become joyful and buoyant. According to some rabbis, Miriam, who leads the singing, has a higher spiritual consciousness than even Moses because, with all the bitterness behind her, she can leap into song. The song produces energy and spiritual generosity. Borrowing from Oliver Sacks, Zornberg writes that the people have become "unmusicked" by fear and pain. They have to become "remusicked." Eventually, the Israelites are able to cope with fear. This makes them capable of loving and being loved.

-The image of fire plays a role in this transformation. At first, fire - even in the burning bush - is just scary. But eventually fire is semi-controlled as candlelight at the center of the meal, intimacy and home.

Zornberg's emphasis on the role women play brings out the hidden, unconscious layer of the Exodus story. But it also illustrates an important element in the struggle against fear. We're always told to confront our fears. Take them head-on. But, in the sophisticated psychology of Exodus, fears are confronted obliquely and happily, through sexiness, storytelling and song. □

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Last year Indiana chose "Honest to Goodness Indiana" as its new tourism slogan. Not everyone was charmed. Some critics said they'd have preferred something more cosmopolitan. Although it doesn't seem likely they'd have been happier with the runners-up, one of which was "Seasoned Just Right." Now, however, the slogan makes a kind of sense, especially if you throw in a little punctuation:

Honest to goodness, Indiana! Really, what were you thinking? Last week, you may remember, Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana signed a "religious freedom" law that was widely decried around the country as an attack on gay civil rights. One state business pulled the plug on a planned expansion in protest. Conferences were canceled, events called off. The NCAA, which is based in Indianapolis, was looking extremely uneasy. Other states and cities began imposing Indiana travel bans.

This is the exact same thing that happened in Arizona a year before, except that the governor there responded to the outcry by vetoing the law. Nevertheless, the Republicans who run Indiana claimed they were shocked, shocked by these totally unexpected developments.

"We have suffered under this avalanche for the last several days of condemnation, and it's completely baseless," Pence complained to George Stephanopoulos on ABC on Sunday. It was very possibly one of the worst appearances by a governor in television history. The best Pence could do was to babble desperately that "Hoosiers don't believe in discrimination."

Stephanopoulos: "Do you think it should be legal in the state of Indiana to discriminate against gays or lesbians?"

Pence: "George ..." He never could quite bring himself to just say no.

Pence and the legislature's majority party thought they were on safe ground because their law really did look like a federal freedom of religion act passed during the Clinton administration. Except for the part about giving businesses the right to refuse service on religious grounds. Like a bakery declining to provide a wedding cake for a gay couple. Which was absolutely not in any way the example the state legislature had in mind. No, sirree.

The federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act is known as RFRA despite the unfortunate resemblance to the sound of a hoarse Labrador retriever. It was

Indiana Loses Its Game



Gail Collins

passed in 1993 in response to the problems of Native Americans in Oregon, who smoked peyote in a religious ceremony and were then fired from their jobs and denied unemployment benefits. The Indiana law was passed at a time of major frustration by the state's social conservatives over a court ruling that made it impossible to pass a constitutional amendment against same-sex marriage.

All those who believe the Indiana legislature was acting out of concern over the right of Native Americans to use peyote raise their hands.

"The politics as it went through the statehouse was clear," said Deborah Widiss, a law professor at Indiana University.

Pence did have another explanation for why Indiana needed a religious freedom law right now. He said he wanted to expand the Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision, which held that corporations have the right to refuse to cover the cost of contraception under the Affordable Care Act. "With the Supreme Court's ruling, the need for a RFRA at the state level became more important, as the

federal law does not apply to states," the governor wrote in The Wall Street Journal.

Think about that for a minute. Indiana passes a law that is widely regarded as a sop to the state's social conservatives for their inability to ban same-sex marriage. The Republican establishment expresses dismay at this interpretation and insists that its only intention was to deprive female residents of the right to get birth control.

Yippee.

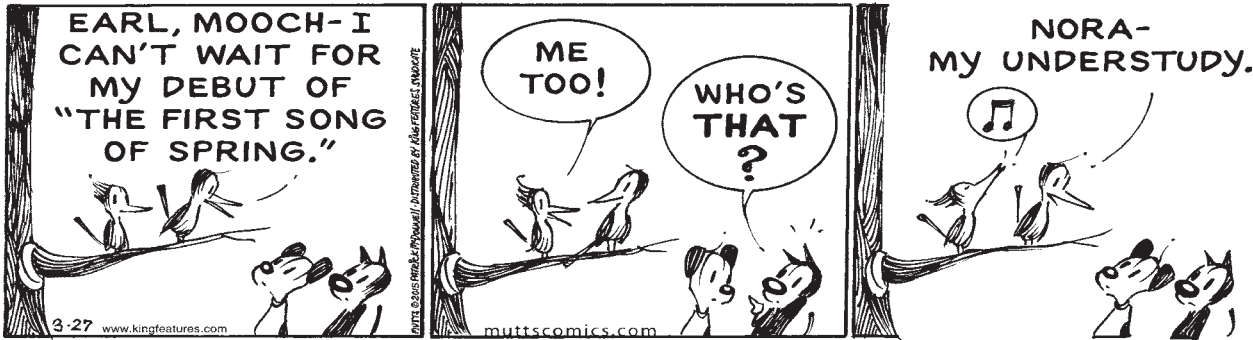
We seem to have a pattern here. Last year in Arizona when the governor vetoed the anti-gay bill, the Legislature vented its frustration by passing a new anti-abortion law. The gay rights movement is winning, big time. But governments are still insisting on their authority to mess with the sex lives of heterosexual women.

Right now, Indiana is in a mess, and residents are worried about the loss of jobs and investment because of a meaningless and spiteful piece of legislation. They should feel free to blame their governor. Mike Pence was supposed to be one of those level-headed fiscal conservatives that moderate Republicans point to as a potential presidential candidate. But he didn't have the foresight to see how badly this would turn out or the spine to push back. In Arkansas, Gov. Asa Hutchinson is watching him flounder and making a last-minute attempt to beat back a similar bill there.

Pence and the legislature want to appease the business community by amending the law. They're currently trying to find a way to accomplish that mission while not upsetting the social conservatives they made so happy just last month.

Good luck with that one, guys. □

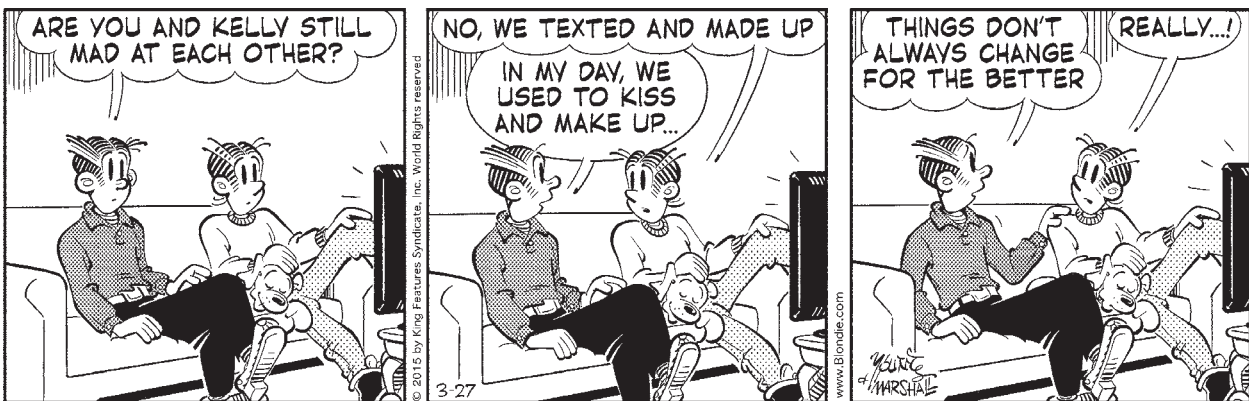
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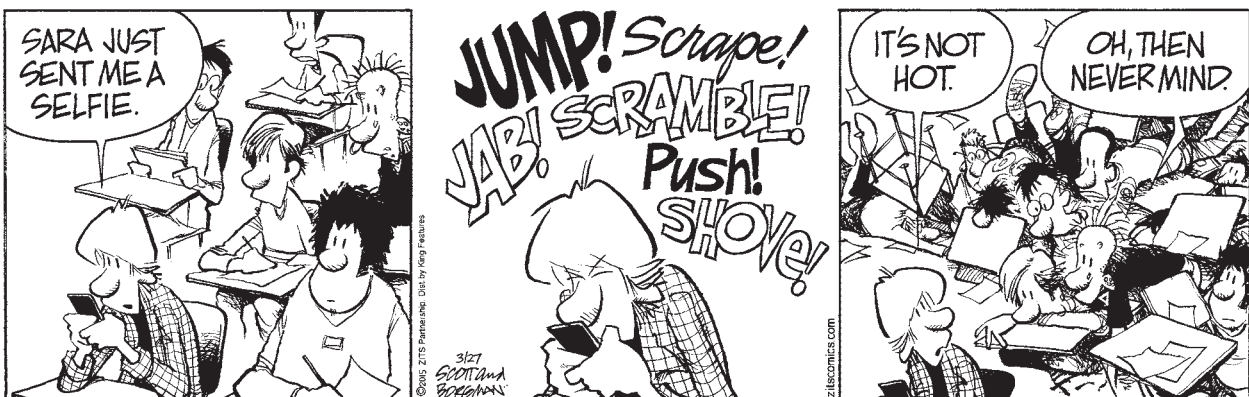
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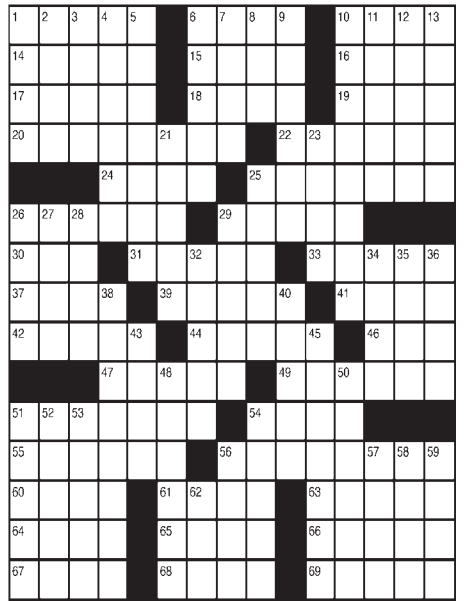
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

7	6	2	8	3	5	4	1	9
9	4	1	2	6	7	5	3	8
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1	5	6	3	7	8	9	2	4
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- Alter to make fit
- Close noisily
- Skin irritation
- Actress Berry
- Tiny bit
- Man or boy
- Pipe ___; church instrument
- Is dishonest
- Incite by poking
- Piece of silverware
- "See ya!"
- Farrow & Sara
- Ardent fan
- Responses to corny jokes
- High-powered surgical beam
- Goal; objective
- Tendon
- Gingrich's namesakes
- Recipe verb
- Leo, Virgo, Pisces, etc.
- Critically urgent
- ___ four; fancy pastry
- Throws
- Reasonable bedtime
- Cuba's Castro
- Went quickly
- Not as large
- Arrived
- Free-for-alls
- Live together no longer
- West of "Batman"
- Singer ___ James
- Leg bone
- Give a hoot
- Sorority letters
- Marsh grasses
- J-O connection
- Sort; variety
- Valuable thing



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

3	Seaweed	54	Discontinue
4	Fluid part of the blood	56	Word in a red octagon
5	Bowling	57	Burrows and Beame
6	Fodder towers	58	Laundry soap
7	Cut of pork	59	Orient
8	Dined	62	"...Hallowed be ___ name..."
9	Tumors		
10	Beseeched		
11	Fortune-teller's deck of cards		
12	Exact duplicate		
13	Row of shrubs		
21	Desert refuge		
23	Microwave, e.g.		
25	Early mornings		
26	Inhale suddenly		
27	Ceremony		
28	Leave out		
29	Not forbidden		
32	More pleasant		
34	___-it; hip		
35	Pine or palm		
36	Transmit		
38	Infantry		
40	Purse handle		
43	Scrabble piece		
45	Large island of Indonesia		

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Amid controversy, construction of telescope in Hawaii halted

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Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — After more than a week of demonstrations and more than a dozen arrests, Hawaii Gov. David Ige said Tuesday that the company building one of the world's largest telescopes atop Hawaii's Mauna Kea has agreed to his request to halt construction for a week.

"They have responded to my request and on behalf of the president of the University and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs have agreed to a time out on the project, and there will be no construction activities this week," Ige said at a news conference.

Thirty Meter Telescope is constructing the telescope on land that is held sacred to some Native Hawaiians. Scientists say the location is ideal for the telescope, which could allow them to see into the earliest years of the universe.

In a statement released Tuesday, Thirty Meter Telescope Project Manager Gary Sanders said "TMT agrees with Governor Ige's request for a timeout this week and an ongoing dialogue on issues."

He added that the site was "selected with great care and respect. There are no archaeological shrines or burial sites within TMT's project site. Comprehensive research by expert hydrologists confirm there is no threat to the aquifer." Ige said he hopes the temporary pause in construction will allow the interested parties to have more discussions about the project. Native Hawaiian groups have been protesting the construction of the telescope since its inception last year.

Kealoha Pisciotto, a critic of the telescope project and protest organizer, says the governor's announcement is a positive development but opponents will continue to advocate against the project.

"I think that's a good sign, but he needs to understand however that we can't just stand down," said Pisciotto, president of Mauna Kea Anaina Hou. Ige "inherited these problems from the previous administration that had not done well by the people of Hawaii or the mountain." Hundreds have recently protested the construction on the mountain, and more than a dozen people were arrested last week for blocking the road that leads to the top of the mountain.

University of Hawaii spokesman Dan Meisenzahl said in a telephone interview that the university is "happy that there is a dialogue happening right now and that it's obvious that it's happening at the highest levels of leadership within the University of Hawaii and within state and county governments."

The university subleases the land on Mauna Kea to Thirty Meter Telescope for the project. □

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Arizona home of Pluto discovery dedicates year to icy world

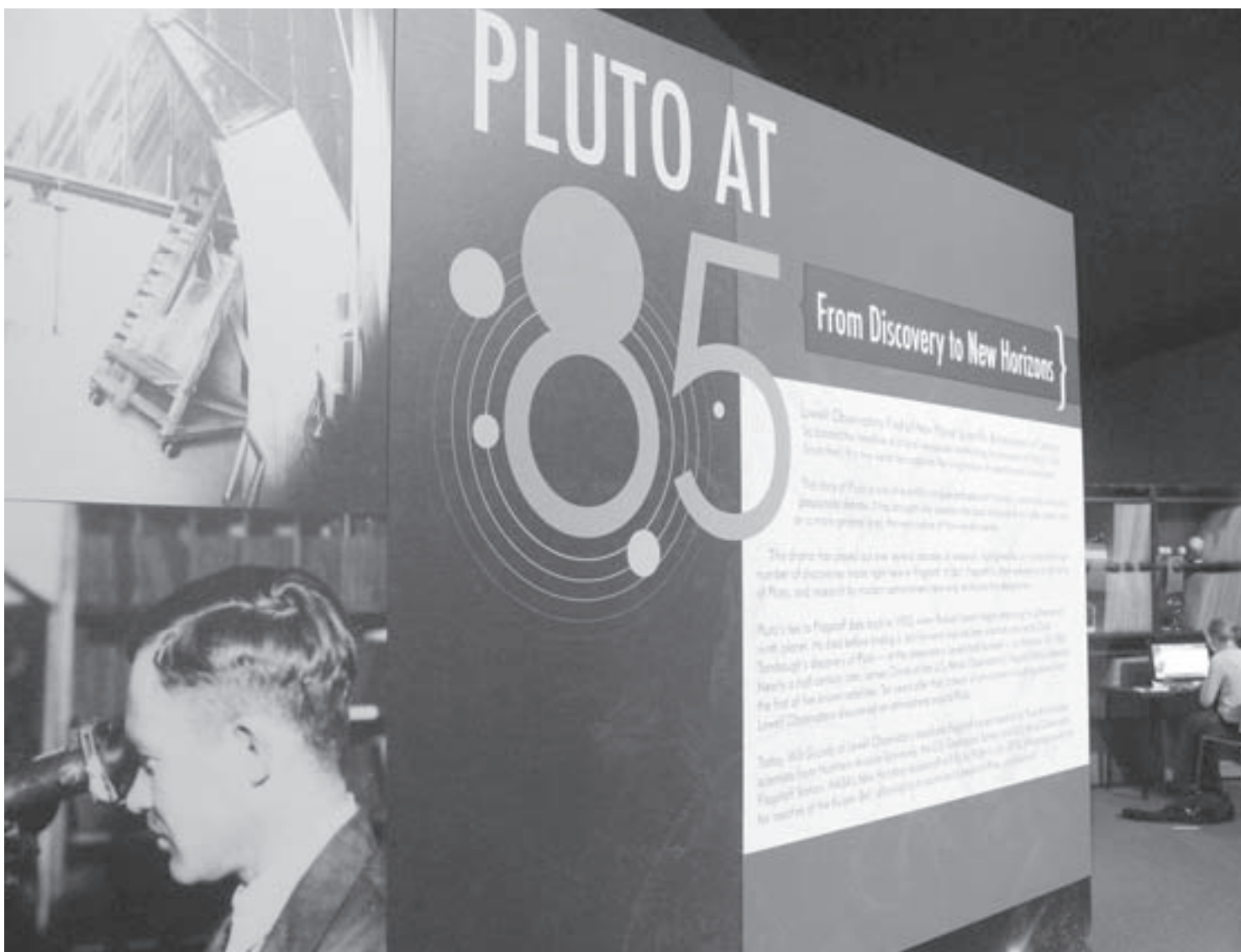
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Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — A sushi restaurant in downtown Flagstaff, Arizona added a Pluto roll to its menu. A yearlong exhibit celebrates the work of the amateur astronomer in the city who discovered the now-dwarf planet in 1930. And a walking tour leads people to the movie theater and restaurant the astronomer visited the night of his big find.

Pluto has taken on new prominence in Flagstaff, where it was spotted by Clyde Tombaugh from Lowell Observatory and where residents have since been fascinated with the icy world. The worldwide attention that followed the discovery meant Flagstaff would be known as more than a railroad, cattle ranching and timber community on the way to the Grand Canyon.

The "Year of Pluto" exhibit at the observatory comes as NASA's New Horizon's spacecraft completes a nine-year journey to the unexplored world in July. New images will be beamed to Earth that will be shown and studied at the observatory that overlooks downtown Flagstaff. Tombaugh's fascination with astronomy landed him at the Lowell Observatory in the 1920s, where he photographed the night sky in search of a mysteri-



This March 13, 2015, photo, shows the entrance to the exhibit, Pluto at 85: From Discovery to New Horizons at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Associated Press

ous Planet X that the observatory's founder, Percival Lowell, had plotted before he died in 1916. The task was "mind-numbingly boring" as Lowell historian Kevin Schindler describes it. Tombaugh would analyze 14-inch-by 17-inch photos of the sky crowded

with about 300,000 stars, switching between two images taken several days apart to detect any movement. On Feb. 18, 1930, the then-24-year-old Tombaugh spotted a small shift in the position of an object in the plates. That shift showed what would be-

come known as Pluto. Since then, discoveries linked to Flagstaff and Lowell astronomers include Pluto's atmosphere and three of the five moons found so far around Pluto. Some 80,000 people each year visit Lowell Observatory, where a new exhibit

showcases Tombaugh's log books, letters, Lowell's original calculations, one of the original discovery plates and a telegram sent on behalf of a young English girl who suggested the name Pluto in honor of the Roman god of the underworld. □

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New book by Dick Cheney takes on Obama

NEW YORK (AP) — The next book by former Vice President Dick Cheney is aimed directly at President Barack Obama. Cheney's "Exceptional: Why the World Needs a Powerful America" will be published on Sept. 1 by Threshold Editions, the publisher announced Tuesday. The book, co-authored by Cheney's daughter Liz Cheney, contends that Obama has abandoned a decades-long tradition of American global leadership. In a statement issued by Threshold, a conservative imprint of Simon & Schuster, the former vice president said Obama had "significantly diminished" U.S. power at a time of a "rapidly growing" terrorist threat.



In this Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014, file photo, former U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney speaks at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) in Washington, about the current state and future of American foreign policy. Associated Press

Cheney, a Republican, has been an emphatic critic of Obama, a Democrat, recently calling him the worst president in his lifetime. Cheney's previous books include the memoir "In My Time" and "Heart," about his long battle with cardiac disease. □

Don McLean's 'American Pie' brings \$1.2M at auction

NEW YORK (AP) — Singer-songwriter Don McLean's original manuscript and notes to "American Pie" sold at auction Tuesday for \$1.2 million.

McLean offered his wistful anthem that asks "Do you recall what was revealed the day the music died?" at Christie's.

The auction house said two people vied for the 16-page manuscript, one in the room and one on the phone. The winning bid went to the collector in the room who wished to remain anonymous.

Bidding started at \$500,000 and rose to \$1.2 million in just four minutes.

The 16 pages include the original working manuscript and typed drafts of the song. The eight-minute-long "American Pie" was released in 1971 and was a No. 1 U.S.



In this July 3, 2012 file photo provided by the Las Vegas News Bureau, Don McLean performs at the Las Vegas Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Associated Press

hit for four weeks in 1972. "The day the music died" refers to the Feb. 3, 1959, deaths of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper in a plane crash.

McLean, a longtime Maine resident, said through Christie's that writing the song was "a mystical trip into his past." According to local lore in upstate Saratoga Springs, McLean first wrote the lyrics

on paper napkins in a bar where he used to drink in between gigs at Caffè Lena, a famous coffeehouse in the city known for its racetrack and mineral waters. A small plaque on the wall of the Tin & Lint bar reads: "American Pie written by Don McLean, summer 1970."

McLean has denied the popular legend, telling a local newspaper in a 2011 interview that he wrote the song with the famous line "Bye, bye Miss American Pie" in Philadelphia.

"American Pie" has been inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame and was named a "song of the century" by the Recording Industry Association of American and the National Endowment for the Arts.

His other songs include "Castles in the Air" and "And I Love You So." □

Review:

Andrew Gross delivers with 'One Mile Under'

JEFF AYERS
Associated Press

"One Mile Under" (William Morrow), by Andrew Gross
Detective Ty Hauck returns from a hiatus to tackle a personal case in Andrew Gross' latest mystery, "One Mile Under."

Dani Whalen knows the Roaring Fork River like the back of her hand, and she enjoys taking tourists on whitewater rafting excursions on the more exciting sections. One morning, her group comes across another boat and the body of someone she knows. From all appearances, Trey Watkins had an accident, hit his head and drowned. She knows Watkins knew the river better than she does, so she's skeptical of the official report

since he wasn't wearing his usual helmet.

When a local hot air balloonist tells her that he was overhead that morning and saw someone with Watkins, she asks for more details. When the balloonist dies in a fiery crash, Whalen knows that something is up and that she needs expert help. She approaches the local police chief, who happens to be her ex-stepfather, but chief Wade Dunn blows off her suspicions. Thankfully, her uncle Ty Hauck arrives to assist.

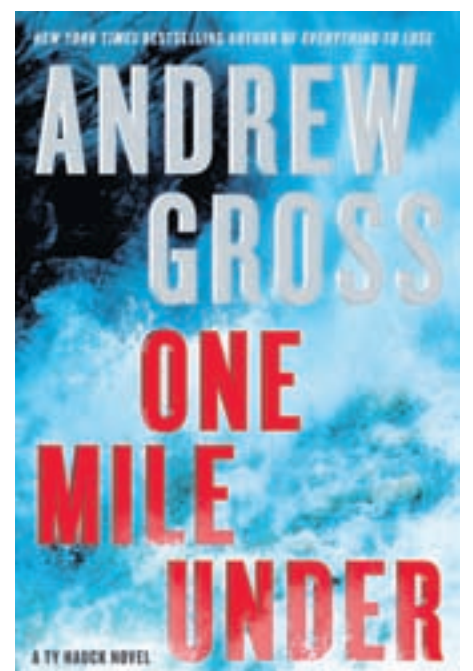
The straightforward mystery dives into a devil's bargain among people desperate for water and a company seeking oil. The instigators will do anything to keep their involvement secret — even murder.

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Gross tells a simple mystery surrounded by a provocative topic that screams to be investigated further. How is the process of fracking affecting the environment, and what are the long-term costs? Ultimately, the identity of the guilty culprit is a bit obvious, but that ultimately doesn't matter since the characters are terrific.

Gross delivers another satisfying journey for readers who like their suspense mixed with small-town politics. □

This photo provided by William Morrow Publishers shows the cover of the book, "One Mile Under," by author Andrew Gross. Associated Press



Crazy legs? Uzo Aduba will run Boston Marathon for cancer funds

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There's nothing crazy about Uzo Aduba's latest endeavor. The actress who plays Crazy Eyes on "Orange is the New Black" is preparing to run the Boston Marathon to raise money for cancer research.

The April 20 race will be Aduba's second marathon. Her first, also to support cancer research, was in New York two years ago. "When I ran New York, there were four people in my life — one had passed, and three were battling cancer," Aduba said. "Now, today, there's only one still fighting."

A particularly personal loss in the fall inspired the actress to take on 26.2 miles again, this time in her hometown. Aduba is part of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's marathon challenge, and the actress released a video Tuesday to spread the word about sponsoring her run.

"I can't believe I'm going from the seat of spectator to the place of participant," said Aduba, a Massachusetts native who grew up watching the Boston Marathon. "Marathon Monday, that's what we call it," she said. "It's such a great tradition that we all love and are so proud to have in our city."

A lifelong athlete, Aduba was a sprinter in high school and during college at Boston University. She switched to long-distance running when she moved to New York to pursue her acting career.

Since beginning her marathon training, Aduba runs about 5 miles a day, with a 10- to 18-mile run on weekends. When she feels like quitting, she thinks about her loved ones fighting cancer.

"They ran a race much harder than mine,"



In this Feb. 19, 2015, file photo, Uzo Aduba arrives at the 8th Annual Essence Black Women In Hollywood Luncheon held at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. Associated Press

she said.

Aduba has already raised \$4,000 toward cancer research with her Boston bid.

As she continues training, she's also gearing up for the third season of Netflix's "Orange is the New Black," set for release in June. Show-runner Jenji Kohan embraced faith as a theme for the season, Aduba said.

"She is really toying with that idea, about how people absorb and use faith, to their advantage or to their detriment," she said. "With Crazy Eyes, she has, in the past, been a bit of an idol worshipper. ... It'll be interesting to see whether that's something she continues doing, where she puts her faith and whether she's learned her lesson." □

Pop star Pink to receive BMI president's award



In this Feb. 19, 2015 file photo, Pink arrives at unite4:good and Variety's 2nd annual unite4:humanity in Beverly Hills, Calif. Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Pink will be honored with the BMI President's Award next month.

Broadcast Music Inc. announced Tuesday that Pink would receive the honor for her songwriting efforts and her impact on pop culture. The 63rd annual BMI Pop Awards will be presented at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, California, on May 12. The music rights manage-

ment company has presented the award to Taylor Swift, Juanes and Willie Nelson in the past.

Pink, a three-time Grammy winner, has released six studio albums. She has co-written most of her hit songs, including "So What" and "Just Give Me a Reason."

The BMI Pop Awards will also recognize the top songwriters and publishers of the last year. □

Actor who played 'Dukes of Hazzard' sheriff dies at age 88

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RALEIGH, North Carolina

(AP) — The prolific character actor best known for his role as Sheriff Rosco P. Coltrane on "The Dukes of Hazzard" has died. James Best was 88.

His wife of 29 years, Dorothy Best, said Tuesday that Best died Monday night in hospice care from complications of pneumonia.

Best starred on the television series that ran from 1979 to 1985. He was the lawman futilely chasing the Duke brothers, often in the company of his droopy-faced basset hound Flash. Best employed a battery of catch phrases in the role, as well

as memorable laugh that was comically villainous.

During a wide-ranging career dating several decades, he also acted in movies including "The Cain Mutiny" and "Rolling Thunder," and he appeared on television shows including "Gunsmoke" and "The Andy Griffith Show."

"I was fortunate enough to call him my friend since the day he walked on the set of 'Gunsmoke' back in the early '60s," actor Burt Reynolds said in a statement. "Onset or off, behind the scenes, in front of a class or just as a friend, his name was so fitting because he was truly the 'best' at whatever he did. My heart is heavy, and I



In this June 4, 2005 file photo, "Dukes of Hazzard" cast member James Best sings during the DukesFest 2005 at the Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. Associated Press

miss him deeply."

Best was an acting teacher who helped several future Hollywood stars learn

how to appear more natural on camera.

"I learned more about acting in front of a cam-

era from Jimmie Best in an afternoon than from anyone else in a year," said Dukes of Hazzard co-star John Schneider, who played Bo Duke. "When asked to cry on camera, he would say, 'Sure thing, which eye?' I'm forever thankful to have cut my teeth in the company of such a fine man."

Best was the youngest of eight siblings born in the western Kentucky community of Powderly. After his mother died when he was a toddler, Best was adopted and raised in Indiana. He served in the U.S. Army in World War II and began as an actor in a military theater company, according to his website. □

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